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Senator Testin Supports Effort to Help People Left in Need by Coronavirus

Madison, WI – State Senator Patrick Testin (Stevens Point) voted to support the COVID-19 Response Bill which addresses the challenges Wisconsinites are facing because of the coronavirus. The legislation takes several steps to assist people who are out of work and secures millions of dollars in federal funds that have been allocated by the CARES Act.

“People are hurting, but Wisconsin will get through this,” said Sen. Testin. “This bill is a first step toward getting the state back on its feet and preparing us all for a return to normalcy.”

The bill tackles challenges for Wisconsin’s healthcare system, its small business owners, and those who find themselves unemployed. It cuts layers of red tape standing between medical professionals and patients, while expanding SeniorCare to include vaccination coverage and eliminates co-pays for COVID-19 testing. Additionally, it retroactively waives the one week waiting period for those on unemployment, putting more money in the pockets of those who need it. The bill also directs the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to develop assistance plans for our state’s major industries (such as tourism, agriculture, manufacturing, construction and retail).

Critically, passage of the bill guarantees that Wisconsin will receive the entire \$2 billion in federal assistance set aside for the state, which the Governor has the authority to allocate.

“Once this bill is signed, I encourage the Governor to use these funds wisely to bolster small businesses, local governments, unemployed workers, and our health care.”

The bill now heads to the Governor’s desk and awaits his signature.

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